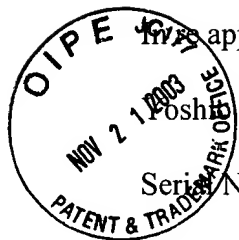


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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 25, 2003, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a petition for extension submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: